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TAGS: PTER, PREL, PGOV, IN, US
SUBJECT: ISLAMIC JIHAD THREAT AGAINST AMERICAN HOSTAGES

1. (S-ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. BERN WILL HAVE NOTED A PRESS REPORT (REUTERS) THAT
TELEPHONE CALLER PURPORTING TO REPRESENT THE ISLAMIC
JIHAD ORGANIZATION HAS ASSERTED THAT IT WILL PUT THE FIVE
KIDNAPPED AMERICANS IT CLAIMS TO HOLD ON TRIAL AS SPIES. -
AND GIVE THEM "THE PUNISHMENT THEY DESERVE." -

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CONTINUING TIES BETWEEN IRAN AND THE RADICAL-SHIA-TERRORISTS CALLING THEMSELVES ISLAMIC JIHAD-OR HIZBA- AH WHO CLAIM TO HOLD THE AMERICAN AND SAUDI HOSTAGES, WHO BOMBED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BEIRUT LAST SEPTEMBER, WHO CLAIM TO HAVE ASSASSINATED TWO FRENCH OBSERVERS, AND WHO THREATENED LAST OCTOBER TO KIDNAP THE SWISS AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON. THESE TIES ARE WITH BOTH THE IRANIAN REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS, WHICH SHARE BASES AND OTHER FACILITIES WITH THE HIZBALLAH, AND CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE IRANIAN DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENT; THEREFORE, -THE TIES ARE OFFICIAL AND KNOWN, RATHER THAN UNOFFICIAL OR UNKNOWN. -

4. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, PLEASE IMMEDIATELY REQUEST THE GOS TO INSTRUCT AMBASSADOR SALVI IN TEHRAN TO INFORM FOREIGN MINISTER VELAYATI ON AN URGENT BASIS OF THE FOLLOWING:

"THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HOLDS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE UNITED STATES HOSTAGES IN LEBANON. IF THEY ARE HARMED, THE UNITED STATES WILL RESPOND WITH ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES " SHULTZ

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